

**OVERSIGHT—FEMA HOMELAND SECURITY DEPARTMENT INTEGRATION**

*Committee on Homeland Security:* Held an oversight hearing on proposed legislation to strengthen the Federal Emergency Management Agency and better integrate it into the Department. Testimony was heard from William O. Jenkins, Jr., Director, Homeland Security and Justice, GAO; and public witnesses.

**CONFERENCE REPORT  
TAX INCREASE PREVENTION AND  
RECONCILIATION ACT OF 2005**

*Committee on Rules:* Granted, by voice vote, a rule waiving all points of order against the conference report to accompany H.R. 4297, Tax Increase Prevention and Reconciliation Act of 2005, and against its consideration. The rule provides that the conference report shall be considered as read. Testimony was heard from Representative Camp.

**NATIONAL DEFENSE AUTHORIZATION  
ACT FOR FISCAL YEAR 2007**

*Committee on Rules:* Granted, by voice vote, a structured rule on H.R. 5122, National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2007, providing one hour of general debate equally divided and controlled between the chairman and ranking minority member of the Committee on Armed Services. The rule waives all points of order against consideration of the bill. The rule provides that the amendment in the nature of a substitute recommended by the Committee on Armed Services now printed in the bill shall be considered as an original bill for the purpose of amendment and shall be considered as read. The rule waives all points of order against the amendment in the nature of a substitute recommended by the Committee on Armed Services.

The rule makes in order only those amendments printed in the Rules Committee report accompanying the resolution. The rule provides that the amendments printed in the report accompanying the resolution may be offered only in the order printed in the report, may be offered only by a Member designated in the report, shall be considered as read, shall be debatable for the time specified in the report equally divided and controlled by the proponent and an opponent, shall not be subject to amendment, and shall not be subject to a demand for division of the question in the House or in the Committee of the Whole. The rule waives all points of order against the amendments printed in the Rules Committee Report. Finally, the rule provides, that after disposition of the amendments printed in the Rules Committee report, the Committee of the Whole shall rise without motion and no further con-

sideration of the bill shall be in order except by a subsequent order of the House. Testimony was heard from Chairman Hunter and Representatives Simmons, Shays, Castle, Lewis (KY), Mica, Chabot, Tom Davis (VA), Gutknecht, Dent, Gohmert, Skelton, Israel, Udall (CO), Capps, Tierney, Hoyer, Bishop (GA), Stupak, Woolsey, Jackson-Lee (TX), Schakowsky, Thompson (CA), Lynch, Schiff, Michaud.

**CORPORATE TAX REFORM**

*Committee on Ways and Means:* Subcommittee on Select Revenue Measures held a hearing on Corporate Tax Reform. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

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**COMMITTEE MEETINGS FOR WEDNESDAY,  
MAY 10, 2006**

*(Committee meetings are open unless otherwise indicated)*

**Senate**

*Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry:* to hold hearings to examine the implementation of the sugar provisions of the Farm Security and Rural Investment Act of 2002, 10 a.m., SH-216.

*Committee on Appropriations:* Subcommittee on Defense, to hold hearings to examine proposed budget estimates for fiscal year 2007 for the missile defense program, 10 a.m., SD-192.

*Committee on Armed Services:* to meet in closed session to discuss the current situation in Afghanistan, 5:45 p.m., SR-222.

*Committee on Energy and Natural Resources:* business meeting to consider the nomination of Dirk Kempthorne, of Idaho, to be Secretary of the Interior, 11:30 a.m., SD-366.

Subcommittee on Public Lands and Forests, to hold hearings to examine S. 906, to promote wildland firefighter safety, S. 2003, to make permanent the authorization for watershed restoration and enhancement agreements, H.R. 585, to require Federal land managers to support, and to communicate, coordinate, and cooperate with, designated gateway communities, to improve the ability of gateway communities to participate in Federal land management planning conducted by the Forest Service and agencies of the Department of the Interior, and to respond to the impacts of the public use of the Federal lands administered by these agencies, and H.R. 3981, to authorize the Secretary of Agriculture to carry out certain land exchanges involving small parcels of National Forest System land in the Tahoe National Forest in the State of California, 2:30 p.m., SD-366.

*Committee on Finance:* to hold hearings to examine progress achieved and challenges ahead for America's child welfare system, 10 a.m., SD-215.

*Committee on Foreign Relations*: to hold hearings to examine the nominations of Earl Anthony Wayne, of Maryland, to be Ambassador to Argentina, David M. Robinson, of Connecticut, to be Ambassador to the Co-operative Republic of Guyana, and Lisa Bobbie Schreiber Hughes, of Pennsylvania, to be Ambassador to the Republic of Suriname, 9:30 a.m., SD-419.

*Committee on Indian Affairs*: to hold an oversight hearing to examine economic development, 9:30 a.m., SR-485.

*Committee on the Judiciary*: to hold hearings to examine modern enforcement of the Voting Rights Act, 9:30 a.m., SD-226.

*Select Committee on Intelligence*: closed business meeting to consider pending intelligence matters, 2:30 p.m., SH-219.

### House

*Committee on Appropriations*, to mark up the following appropriations for Fiscal Year 2007: the Military Quality of Life, and Veterans Affairs, and Related Agencies; and the Interior, Environment, and Related Agencies, 10 a.m., 2359 Rayburn.

*Committee on Education and the Workforce*, Subcommittee on Select Education, to mark up H.R. 5293, Senior Independence Act of 2006, 10:30 a.m., 2175 Rayburn.

*Committee on Energy and Commerce*, hearing entitled "Gasoline Supply, Price and Specifications;" 10 a.m., and to mark up a measure to amend the automobile fuel economy provisions of title 49, United States Code, to authorize the Secretary of Transportation to set fuel economy standards for passenger automobiles based on one or more vehicle attributes, 1 p.m., 2123 Rayburn.

*Committee on Government Reform*, Subcommittee on Federalism and the Census, hearing entitled "Public Housing Management: Do the Public Housing Authorities Have the Flexibility They Need To Meet the Changing Demands of the 21st Century?" 10 a.m., 2154 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on Government Management, Finance and Accountability, hearing entitled "After Katrina: The Role of the Department of Justice Katrina Fraud Task Force and Agency Inspectors General in Preventing Waste, Fraud, and Abuse," 2 p.m., 2247 Rayburn.

*Committee on Homeland Security*, Subcommittee on Intelligence, Information Sharing, and Risk Assessment, hearing entitled "Building the Information Sharing Environment: Addressing the Challenges of Implementation," 2 p.m., 311 Cannon.

Subcommittee on Intelligence, Information Sharing, and Terrorism Risk Assessment, to continue hearings en-

titled "Protection of Privacy in the DHS Intelligence Enterprise," 4 p.m., 311 Cannon.

*Committee on International Relations*, hearing on A Resurgent China: Responsible Stakeholder or Robust Rival? 10 a.m., 2172 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on Africa, Human Rights and International Operations, hearing on Current Issues in U.S. Refugee Protection and Resettlement, 2 p.m., 2172 Rayburn.

*Committee on the Judiciary*, to mark up the following bills: H.R. 9, Fannie Lou Hamer, Rosa Parks, and Coretta Scott King Voting Rights Act Reauthorization and Amendments Act of 2006; and H.R. 4681, Palestinian Anti-Terrorism Act of 2006, 10 a.m., 2141 Rayburn.

*Committee on Resources*, Subcommittee on Fisheries and Oceans, hearing on the following bills: H.R. 4947, Cahaba River National Wildlife Refuge Expansion Act; H.R. 5094, Lake Mattamuskeet Lodge Preservation Act; and H.R. 5232, Cherry Valley National Wildlife Refuge Study Act, 10 a.m., 1334 Longworth.

Subcommittee on Water and Power, hearing on the following bills: H.R. 4588, Water Resources Research Act Amendments of 2005; H.R. 5079, North Unit Irrigation District Act of 2006; and S. 214/H.R. 469, United States-Mexico Transboundary Aquifer Assessment Act, 10 a.m., 1324 Longworth.

*Committee on Small Business*, hearing entitled "Bridging the Equity Gap: Examining the Access to Capital for Entrepreneurs Act of 2006," 2 p.m., 2360 Rayburn.

*Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure*, Subcommittee on Highways, Transit and Pipelines, oversight hearing on Highway Capacity and Freight Mobility: The Current Status and Future Challenges, 10 a.m., 2167 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on Railroads, oversight hearing on Operational Experience Under the 2001 Railroad Retirement Reform Law, 2 p.m., 2167 Rayburn.

*Committee on Veterans' Affairs*, Subcommittee on Economic Opportunity, to mark up the following bills: H.R. 3082, Veteran-Owned Small Business Promotion Act of 2005; and H.R. 5220, Veterans Certification and Licensure Act of 2006, 2:30 p.m., 334 Cannon.

*Committee on Ways and Means*, to consider the draft implementing proposal of the United States-Oman Free Trade Agreement Implementation Act, 10:30 a.m., 1100 Longworth.

### Joint Meetings

*Joint Economic Committee*: to hold hearings to examine the next generation of health information tools for consumers, 10 a.m., SD-106.